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—— Velari Pictura jubetur.

Juvenal.

THERE is ſcarce any thing more provoking than to be totally miſunderſtood, and by that means to have our Compliments received as Affronts, and our Panegyrick converted into Satire.

It cannot therefore be wondered at, if I am not well pleaſed with that groſs miſunderſtanding of the Emblematical Frontiſpiece ſo long prefixed to my Paper, which hath generally prevailed, and which, among other good Reaſons, hath at length induced me to diſplace it for the future. By this Error of the Public, a Contrivance of mine, (the Expence of much laborious Thinking) to do Honour to the Jacobite Party, hath been repreſented as the Means of vilifying and degrading it.

But ſeriouſly, could the Art of Man have carried the Glory of Jacobitiſm higher than it was carried in this Print, where a Jacobite of either Sex was ſeen cloathed in Myſtery, and riding on one of the moſt honourable Beaſts in the Univerſe, whilſt Popery ſervilely attends, leading it by the Halter, and *France* and the Republican Party are dragged after its Heels. Is not here depictured that notable and myſterious Union of *French* Intereſt, Popery, Jacobitiſm, and Republicaniſm; by a Coalition of all which Parties this Nation is to be redeemed from the deplorable State of Slavery, under which it at preſent labours?

It would be endleſs to enumerate all the Miſtakes and ridiculous Conceits entertained on this Occaſion. Some have imagined we intended to inſinuate that the Proteſtant Jacobites were led by the Noſe by Popery, and ſpurr'd on by *France* and the Republicans; whereas nothing can be more certain in Fact, than that Popery and *France*, and the Republicans, have ever been the mere Dupes and Tools of the ſaid Jacobites.

Many have endeavoured to diſcover Reſemblances to real Perſons in the Figures there exhibited. By the Popiſh Prieſt, it hath been ſaid we deſign to repreſent the old Chevalier; and by the Figures on the Aſs, the young Chevalier his Son and the famous *Jenny Cameron*.

Others have found out Likeneſſes of leſs Importance, and ſeveral Squires and Country Gentlewomen of *Staffordſhire*, and other Counties, who never travel beyond the Limits of a Fox-chace, have been ſuppoſed to ride, once a Week, Poſt all over the Kingdom in this Paper.

But the moſt egregious Errors have been committed in Miſconſtructions concerning the Aſs. Several ingenious and witty Printers of News Papers have very facetiouſly taken Occaſion to call the Author himſelf an Aſs; ſuppoſing, probably, that as Scripture informs us an Aſs once ſpoke, ſo certain Deſcendants of the ſame Family might write, which Faith, perhaps ſomething within their own Experience, might ſufficiently encourage them to receive.

To mention no more of theſe abſurd Conjectures, I muſt here inform my Reader, that by the Body of the Aſs we intend to figure the whole Body of Jacobitical Doctrine.

Now as there was no Symbol among the Antients, of which the Emblematical Meaning was plain and eaſy to be diſcovered, our Party could never have ſo univerſally miſtaken it, had it not been from that Want of Learning among us, which I lamented in my laſt Paper. Hence, being miſled by thoſe erroneous Opinions, which the Moderns have propagated to the great Diſadvantage of Aſſes, the Jacobites have been unwilling to diſcover any Reſemblance between themſelves and an Animal which the wiſe Antients ſaw in ſo reſpectable a Light, and which the Ignorance of latter Ages hath highly diſhonour'd by odious Compariſons with certain Individuals of the Human Species.

Thus *Homer* is well known to have liken'd one of his principal Heroes to this noble Animal; which was in ſuch Eſteem among the antient *Jews*, that he was not only an Object of their Devotion, but they are ſaid to have preſerved his Figure in maſſy Gold in the Temple of *Jeruſalem* *.

If the Transfiguration of *Midas* in the *Metamorphoſis*, doth but little Honour to the Ears of our Symbol, the Story of *Lotis*, which the ſame Poet tells in his *Faſtorum*, is greatly in Praiſe of his Braying, by which the Chaſtity of that Nymph was reſcued from the wicked Deſigns of her inſidious Lover.

In ſuch Eſteem hath this noble Beaſt been held among the Learned, that I have ſeen a Book compoſed in his Favour, and entitled *Laus Aſini*; not to mention the celebrated Performance of *Apuleius*, to which he hath given the Name of the *Golden Aſs*.

Inſtead therefore of being diſpleaſed with the Emblem, our Party have great Reaſon to be vain on this Occaſion; nor do I think there can be a juſter Compariſon than of a Proteſtant Jacobite to an Aſs, or one more to the Honour of the former.

Firſt, what can ſo well anſwer to that noble and invincible Obſtinacy, which I have more than once celebrated in our Party, as the intractable and unalterable Nature of this Animal, which gave Riſe to an antient Proverb alluded to by *Horace* in his Satires,

— — *Ut ſi quis Aſellum*
In Campo doceat parentem currere frænis
— — — Your Art
As well may teach an Aſs to ſcour the Plain,
And bend obedient to the forming Rein.

And again in his Epiſtles:

Scriptores autem narrare putaret Aſello
Fabellam ſurdo.

Democritus would think the Writers told
To a deaf Aſs their Story.——

which may moſt ſtrictly be applied to all thoſe Writers, who have endeavoured to convince the Jacobites by Argument.

Again, what can give us a more adequate Idea of that Firmneſs, with which we have ſupported all the ill Uſage of the worſt of Sovereigns without Reſentment, than the laudable Indifference which an Aſs hath for the ſame; whom you may beat, whip, kick, and ſpur as long as you are pleaſed, he ſtill trudges on without altering his Pace.

To omit many other obvious Reſemblances, ſuch as *Braying*, &c. the famous Story of the Countryman and the Aſs, briefly touched upon by *Horace* in the Epiſtle addreſs'd to his own Book, is ſo perfect a Picture of Jacobitiſm, that I have been inclined to think, as the Antients are known to have inveloped all their Myſteries in Fable and Allegory, that no leſs than Jacobitiſm itſelf was intended to be couched under this Story.

"A certain Countryman obſerving an Aſs "making towards a Precipice, ran to him, and "catching hold of his Tail, endeavoured with all "his Might to withhold him from Deſtruction; "but the more the Countryman attempted to pre"ſerve him, the more obſtinately the Aſs contended "againſt his kind Preſerver, and the more eagerly "was bent upon accompliſhing his fatal Purpoſe. "The Countryman at laſt, wearied out with his "Endeavours to ſave an obſtinate Beaſt againſt his "own Will, and having probably received ſome "Thanks from his Heels for his intended Kind"neſs, inſtead of pulling any longer, gave the Aſs a "Puſh, and tumbled him headlong down the Preci"pice which he had been ſo induſtriouſly purſuing."

I make no doubt but many of our good Enemies the Whigs, who have well imitated this Countryman in the former Part of his Behaviour, would imitate him likewiſe in the latter, was it not that they cannot precipitate us without tumbling down themſelves at the ſame time.

Theſe are the Myſteries, then, which have been couched under my Frontiſpiece, and which, tho' their Meaning muſt now appear to have been ſo plain, have nevertheleſs ſtood expoſed ſo long at the Head of this Journal, without having been, as I can find, underſtood by any.

Perhaps I ſhall be asked, why I have now diſplaced them, ſince, after ſo large and full an Explanation, they cannot fail of being highly agreeable to that Party, for whoſe Uſe chiefly this Paper is calculated; and who would, for the future, worſhip my Aſs with the ſame Veneration with which the *Jews* of old did theirs.

Now, tho' the Indignation which I have expreſt in the Beginning of this Eſſay at the many groſs and abſurd Miſconceptions which have been vented by the Public, would alone very well juſtify the Diſcontinuance of my Emblem ſo much abuſed, there are, to ſay the Truth, two other Reaſons which have had a ſtronger Weight with me in producing this Determination.

The former of theſe is, that the Aſs and his Retinue do indeed take up too much Room, and muſt oblige us either to ſuppreſs Part of our own Lucubrations, or ſome of thoſe material Articles of News which we weekly tranſcribe from others; or laſtly, thoſe Pieces of Intelligence called Advertiſements, which, tho' not always the moſt entertaining to our Reader, do afford very agreeable Entertainment to ourſelves.

A ſecond and a very ſtrong Motive with us, is to lend all the Aſſiſtance in our Power to a very worthy and willing, tho' weak Brother, the learned and facetious Noveliſt Mr. *Carte*; whoſe great Romance, tho' in our Court of Criticiſm, where we ſhall always act impartially, we have been obliged, like other Judges, to condemn, contrary to our own Inclinations, to be grubb'd, we ſhall always privately eſteem as a Work calculated ſolely for the Uſe of our Party. As we have therefore, to our great Concern, received very credible Information that the ſaid Work begins already to be conſidered only as a Heap of waſte Paper, we have thought proper to lend our Frontiſpiece to our good Brother, in order that it may be prefixed to the future Volumes of that great Work, adviſing him to omit the Words *London Evening-Poſt*, and to inſert *Engliſh Hiſtory* in their ſtead. This will not fail of

* Bannier's *Mythology*, *Book* 6. *Chap.* 4.

greatly recommending his Performance to our Party, who never willingly read any thing but what an Ass may at leaſt be ſuppoſed to have bray'd.

I could wiſh moreover, that the learned Noveliſt would take our Advice in another Inſtance, and for the future deal forth his excellent Work in weekly Portions or Numbers; I do not mean in ſuch a Form as the real Hiſtory of *England* is now publiſhing by Mr. *Waller*; but in the ſame manner with thoſe true and delectable Hiſtories of *Argalus* and *Parthenia*, *Guy* Earl of *Warwick*, the *Seven Champions*, &c. in which Form, at the Price of 1 *d.* each, when embelliſhed by our Frontiſpiece, I make no doubt of aſſuring him as univerſal a Sale, as the inimitable Adventures of *Robinſon Cruſoe* formerly had throughout this Kingdom.

To the Honourable JOHN TROTT-PLAID, *Eſq; Cenſor-General of* Great-Britain,

The Humble Petition of John Pudding, *Gentleman, on Behalf of himſelf and his Brethren, the antient and incorporated Society of Merry-Andrews.*

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners are an ancient and reſpectful Corporation,
Who daily labour, as well for the Health, as for the Paſtime of the Nation,
At the Expence of a very learned and coſtly Education.
And yet there is great Danger that our Society ſhould fall,
Thro' a Set of Interlopers, that never had any Education at all.
Every Squire in every Pariſh, to your Petitioners great Dolour,
Thinks to rank as Merry-Andrew, only from wearing a Coat of our Colour.
If the Coat can make you the Thing, altho' you have nothing in ye,
Then the Skin may make the Lion, and the Glitter make the Guinea.
Do thoſe Squires, like us, ſhew any Learning in their Diſcourſes?
Do any of them ever tumble, except it be from their Horſes?
Do they abound, like true Andrews, in the genuine *Attic* Salt?
Or, tho' they can drink up the Hogſhead, thro' its Hoops can any of them vault?
They boaſt indeed with us the ſame tutelar Saint,
But believe me, honour'd Sir, this is all but a Feint.
The Pig-nut in Merit, is not more below the Cherry,
Than is St. *Andrew* of the *Highland* below St. Andrew the Merry.

Now, in as much as this Grievance is of late ſo common grown,
That almoſt every Pariſh has a Squire Andrew of its own,
To compleat our Misfortune, 'tis but one Thing we lack,
That every Curate, on his Part, ſhould ſet up for a Quack.

Wherefore, in theſe impending Dangers, your Honour's Aid we humbly crave,
The true original Profeſſors of Mirth and Medicine to ſave,
And your Petitioners ſhall ever pray, and in particular your faithful Slave,

JOHN PUDDING.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Paris, Feb. 23.

MArſhal Saxe's Departure is again put off, on Account of the Rigour of the Seaſon, and perhaps too, becauſe the Enemy are at preſent on their Guard on every Side. By the laſt Advices from Bretagne we find they are apprehenſive of a new Viſit from the Engliſh, tho' we can't apprehend here the Reaſon of their Fears. L. E.

The Reports that the Pretender's eldeſt Son had withdrawn from this Kingdom, are prov'd falſe by his Arrival in this City laſt Week with a numerous Retinue: He goes now and then to the Opera and the Playhouſe, but never without many Attendants. ib. *We heartily wiſh all his Friends on this Side of the Water were among the Number of his Attendants on the other.*

Cracow, Feb. 12. Several Ruſſian Officers are arrived here, by whom we have Advice, that the Troops of their Nation were marching from Samogitia in Lithuania, to take their Route in the following Manner, viz. The firſt Column compoſed of 10,000 Men, by Bausk; the ſecond compoſed of 14,500 Men, by Janiskai; and a third, conſiſting of 6000, by Birze; they add, that theſe Troops will infallibly arrive near Warſaw about the End of the Month. W. E.

The Knees Repnin's Indiſpoſition is ſo violent, that he has been convey'd back to Riga, being utterly incapable of commanding the Auxiliary Troops, and the Empreſs has appointed General Lieven to take on him that Command in his ſtead. G. E.

Mondovi, Feb. 7. On the 30th ult. the Enemy made a new Attempt on Breglio, but with no better Succeſs than the former. ib.

Turin, Feb. 10. According to Advices from the County of Nice, the Chevalier de Maſſel, who commands at Breglio, has augmented the Fortifications, and taken other Meaſures for putting the Place in a State of Defence. By the Diſpoſitions of the French they ſeem ſtill to have a View that Way; four of their Battalions have paſſed the Var, and march'd to Monaco, whither to the Marquis de Mirepoix is repair'd from Nice: They have alſo ſent from Monaco to Soſpello two ſmall Pieces of battering Cannon, with a large Quantity of Granades. Baron Leutrum, advertiſed of this, has ſent ſome Piedmonteſe Battalions on the Side of Saorgio, two of which have taken Poſt at Fontana, with Orders to march occaſionally to Breglio, as Circumſtances may require. ib.

Extract of a Letter from Geneva, Feb. 12. *N. S.*

'The flying Reports of an Inſurrection in Sardinia, 'which we would ſcarce credit at firſt, are now too well 'confirmed, by Accounts from the beſt Authorities in 'that Iſland; by which we learn, that the Rebels, like 'the Inſurgents in Scotland, make a miſerable Ap'pearance, moſt of them half naked and unarmed; 'but their Numbers render them formidable, conſider'ing Sardinia is bare of regular Troops, and the 'Iſlanders in general have been ſo little uſed to War, 'that nothing can be worſe than their Militia. The 'Crew of Banditti ſeem to want nothing but a Pre'tender at their Head, to make them like their Bre'thren in Scotland; but thoſe who ſet them to work 'little care for the Decorum of any Step they under'take, provided they can but anſwer their Ends. The 'laſt Poſts left the Rebels fortifying themſelves in the 'rocky Paſſes between Cagliari and the Streights of St. 'Boniface, from whence they expect Reinforcements 'from Corſica in ſmall Barks, for there is always ſo 'prodigious a Swell in the narrow Sea that divides thoſe 'two Iſlands, that it is very dangerous for any Men of 'War or large Veſſel to venture in after them.' ib.

According to Advices from Breda, dated Feb. 23. N. S. they had juſt reinforced the Garriſons at Oudenboſch, Wouw, and Roſendaal, in order to obſerve the Enemy's Motions, and harraſs their Convoys. Some new Works have been added to the Fortifications of Breda. As for the French, they are in Motion in Flanders, ſeveral Bodies of Troops drawing towards Ghent and Antwerp. D. G.

From Middleburgh we hear, that all the Sea Officers on Shore have received Orders to go immediately on board their reſpective Ships, that they may be in Readineſs in Caſe the French ſhould make any ſudden Attempt upon Zealand. ib.

Two Engliſh Men of War have reinforced Commodore Mitchell's Squadron on the Coaſts of Zealand, and the Dutch Captain, Blonkebyle, who lately made the French Gallies retire, continues ſtill at the Mouth of Sas van Ghent River, in order to receive them again, if they chuſe to re-appear. G. A.

Letters from Conſtantinople bring Advice, that the Auſtrian Miniſter there having made Repreſentations to the Porte about ſome Exceſſes committed by the Turks on the Frontiers of Hungary, his Excellency received for Anſwer, That the Grand Signior had not only ordered this Affair to be enquired into, and Satisfaction made for the Damage that may have been done by his People, but that his Highneſs is ſtill diſpoſed to keep up a good Underſtanding with the Court of Vienna, and all other Chriſtian Powers, notwithſtanding the Advantages they give him by their Diviſions. D. G. *As the Title of* Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty *is already diſpoſed of, I think the Great Turk ſhould be called* His MORE than MOST Chriſtian Majeſty. *This new Degree of Compariſon, a little above the Superlative Degree, reſembles the* Paulo poſt futurum Time *of the Greeks, and is well adapted to the pompous Stile of Eaſtern Monarchs.*

From Liege we learn, that a bloody Skirmiſh happened the 22d Inſtant, N. S. near Huy, between a Detachment of French, and another of the Allies, in which the former were worſted. ib.

Proceedings at the Court of Criticiſm, Thurſday Feb. 25.

THE Officers to whom the Warrants for apprehending THE TOWN were directed, return'd, that *the ſaid Town* could not be found; but one of the Officers ſaid, he had narrowly miſs'd them, at an obſcure Coffee houſe near Hounſditch; upon which the Court awarded another Proceſs, as is uſual in Caſes of that Nature.

The Court were moved on Behalf of the Hiſtory of *Thomas Carte*, an *Engliſhman*, which received Sentence of *grubbing* on *Thurſday* laſt. It was ſaid, that the Hiſtorian had, in the *General Evening Poſt* of *Tueſday* the 23d. alledged in his Defence:

1. That this was inſerted in a Note, *only to refute* the erroneous Notion concerning that Sanative Virtue of Touching.

2. That in Order to refute this Notion it was there inſerted, *without any Deſign of publiſhing it.*

3. That this Note (tho' it hath many apparent Marks of a recent Performance, and manifeſtly refers to a Tranſaction long ago) being long ſince inſerted, and unhappily, *without a Mark directing it ſhould be copied*, was tranſcribed for the Preſs, and never ſeen by the Author 'till ſent in the Proof Sheet.

4. That the Perſon touching not being named, what is ſaid of him here *muſt be agreeable to more than one*, namely, to all the eldeſt Sons of the late King *James*, tho' he had never ſo many.

5. That tho' he hath not ſome Books, nor *a thouſand others*, now by him, out of which he hath made Tranſcripts, he thinks *he may make Uſe of his Tranſcripts*; and tho' he ſhould miſtake the Name of the Author, or the Book quoted, *that is not material.*

6. That "he paſſed ſome Days, about 26 Years "ago, with Mr. *Anſtis* at *Mortlake*, when a "Pamphlet, wrote by a Surgeon, about the King's "Evil, was advertiſed in the News-papers, and "had a good deal of Diſcourſe with him on that "Subject; and by what was then ſaid, he (*Carte*) "was perſwaded, that Mr. *Beckett*'s Enquiry into "the Antiquity and Efficacy of touching for the "King's Evil, printed in 8vo, *A. D.* 1722, (ac"cording to the Bookſellers Stile, who begin their "Year even before *Chriſtmas*) was the Pamphlet "in queſtion; tho' he never ſaw it, and had en"tirely forgot the Surgeon's Name, when having "Mr. *Anſtis*'s Diſcourſe abovementioned before "him, and conſulting a learned Gentleman, who "had ſtudied and practiſed Phyſic above 40 "Years, and tranſcribed his (*Cart*'s) Note for the "Preſs, about the Name of the Surgeon referred "to by Mr. *Anſtis*, it was either by the Doctor's "Opinion, or by his own Inadvertence, that he put "down *Tucker* for the Name of the Surgeon."

Here the Council being told by the Court, that he did not make himſelf underſtood, anſwered, That he could not help it; for he read Mr. *Carte*'s own Words, which he could not pretend to ſay, he underſtood very well himſelf.

He then concluded with ſaying, He hoped the Court would take Pity on an old Man, who appeared to labour under the Incapacities betrayed in the ſaid Letter, and change the Word *Contempt* in the Sentence into *Compaſſion*; eſpecially as he was willing to ſubmit to be grubbed: for that *ſince he had publiſhed his firſt Volume*, and found it did

not ſell, *he was willing to deliver it to ſuch as would ſubſcribe for it in any Manner they pleaſed.*

The Court having peruſed his Letter in the *General Evening Poſt*, took his Infirmities into Conſideration, and ordered their Clerk to eraſe the Word *Contempt*, and to inſert, that the ſaid *Carte* be, and is conſidered by this Court *as an Object of their Compaſſion.*

Reſolved, That it appears to this Court, that the Author of the *'Piſcopade* and the Author of *Old England* are one and the ſame Perſon.

Ordered, That Mrs. *Cibber* do prepare a good warm Box at her Benefit, for the Reception of Ourſelf and our fair *Peggy*, where we both intend to appear in our Plaids.

(Adjourned.)

DOMESTIC NEWS.

Laſt Week his Majeſty, by his Proxy the Chevalier de Oſſorio, ſtood Godfather to the new-born Son of the Marquis of Tabuerniga, a Spaniſh Nobleman of very high Rank, who hath long been very zealous in his Endeavours to promote an honourable and ſolid Peace, between the Crown of England and that of Spain, and to ſeparate the Union between France and that Kingdom. ——The Marquis is ſtill continuing his utmoſt Efforts for this Purpoſe; and we hear a Field-Marſhal in the Service of the King of Spain is now here, with full Powers from his Catholic Majeſty, to adjuſt all Differences between the two Kingdoms. W. E.

Mr. Makenzie, late Earl of Cromartie, with his Lady and Family, have been permitted to come out of the Tower, and are lodged at Mr. Lamb's, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers in Pall-Mall. ib.

We are aſſured, that it is reſolved to make no Alteration in the Arch of Weſtminſter Bridge which has ſunk, the ſinking being now ſtopped, as is ſaid, and the Damages capable of being repaired, without pulling down the Work. ib.

'Tis certain that a Bill is ordered into Parliament for explaining, amending, and enforcing an Act for prohibiting the Wearing and Importation of Cambricks and French Lawns. G. E.

Laſt Week died, at her Houſe in Groſvenor-Square, the Right Hon. Lady Iſabella Scott. ib.

We are aſſured there will be three Ten Thouſand Pound Prizes in the next Lottery; and that it will begin Drawing the 3d of October next. ib.

We hear the Earl of Rothes is appointed to meet the Ruſſian Forces now on their March to join the Allied Army. ib.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Hon. the Earl of Sandwich, Lord Vere Beauclerk, the Right Hon. George Lord Anſon, the Right Hon. William Viſcount Barrington, Lord Duncannon, Welbore Ellis, Eſq; together with John Stanhope, Eſq; to be Commiſſioners for executing the Office of High-Admiral of Great-Britain and Ireland, &c. D. A.

We hear that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to promote Capt. William Browne, Capt. Wynn, Brother to Sir Rowland Wynn, Bart. Capt. Thomas, Capt. George Townſhend, Capt. Boſcawen, Capt. Burges, and Capt. Santford, to be Colonels in the Foot-Guards. ib.

We hear that ſome Men of War are immediately ordered out, in order to intercept three rich Ships which are to ſail from Cadiz for the South Seas. ib.

Laſt Saturday came an Account, that his Majeſty's Ships the Roebuck and Loeſtaff, part of Admiral Byng's Squadron, had taken the Brillant, from Turky bound to Marſeilles, and carried her into Leghorn. She has on board about ninety Bales of Silk, and the whole Cargo is valued at near 60000 l. Sterling.

On Saturday Evening the Hon. Mr. Bentinck, Brother to Count Bentinck, and one of the Deputy States of Holland, arrived from Holland on Affairs of great Importance. G. A.

And the next Day he waited on his Majeſty, and was moſt graciouſly received. ib.

Monday being the Birth-Day of her Royal Highneſs Mary Princeſs of Heſſe, Fourth Daughter to his Majeſty, who then enter'd the 25th Year of her Age; his Majeſty received the Compliments of the Nobility, Gentry, &c. at St. James's Palace, on that Occaſion. D. G.

On Sunday Night was married, at his Houſe in South Audley-Street, Samuel Greatheed, Eſq; Member of Parliament for the City of Coventry, to the Right Hon. the Lady Mary Bertie, Siſter to his Grace the Duke of Ancaſter and Keſtevan, Lord Great Chamberlain of England. G. A.

And on Saturday Mathew Holford, Eſq; to Miſs Watſon, a near Relation of the Earl of Rockingham. D. G.

On Saturday her Grace the Dutcheſs of Gordon was ſafely delivered of a Son, at her Grace's Houſe in Conduit-Street. G. E.

The following Engliſh General Officers will ſerve the approaching Campaign:

His Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, Commander in Chief.
General. Sir John Ligonier.
Lieutenant Generals. Hawley, Lord Albemarle, Howard, Huske, Lord Craufurd.
Major-Generals. Blythe, Fowkes, Torrington, Pawlett, Mordaunt. ib.

His Majeſty hath been pleaſed to preſent Major-General Thomas Bligh with the Regiment of Horſe lately commanded by General Wentworth; and Major-General John Mordaunt with Bligh's Dragoons. W. E.

We hear that Col. George Stanhope, Brother to Earl Stanhope, and Kinſman to the Earl of Cheſterfield, will ſoon be made one of the Aid de Camps to his Majeſty, in the Room of Col. Townſhend, and alſo be preſented to a Regiment. ib.

Wedneſday Morning, at Two o' Clock, his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, with his Retinue, ſet out in two Coaches and five Poſt-Chaiſes for Harwich, in order to embark for Holland as ſoon as the Wind is favourable. L. C.

The Right Hon. Arthur Onſlow, Eſq; Speaker of the Hon. Houſe of Commons, is much indiſpoſed, on which Account the Hon. the Houſe of Commons is adjourned to Tueſday next. ib.

On Sunday the Fubbs Yacht ſailed from the Nore, under Convoy of his Majeſty's Ships Haſtings and Badger Sloops for Harwich, where they are to be joined by ſome other Men of War, and proceed with his Royal Highneſs the Duke to Holland. G. A.

Several Tranſports with Recruits are likewiſe ſailed under Convoy of the above Ships. ib.

The long conteſted Election which was 10 Days before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, between Matthew Mitchell, and Chauncey Townſhend, Eſqrs. Petitioners againſt John Bance, and Paul Methuen, Eſqrs. ſitting Members for the Borough of Weſtbury in the County of Wilts, is determined in favour of the two former. ib.

On Monday the Lords of the Admiralty receiv'd an Expreſs from Kinſale in Ireland, that Commodore Moyſton, with two of his Squadron, were arrived there from a Cruize of thirteen Weeks, in which they met with very bad Weather, which ſhatter'd the two Ships very much, and ſeparated the Commodore from the reſt of his Squadron, which 'tis fear'd are likewiſe much damaged. D. A.

They write from Marſeilles, that ſeventeen French Ships, richly laden from the Levant, are taken by Admiral Byng's Squadron; and that an Engliſh Man of War of 90 Guns was burnt by Accident near Nice. ib.

Thurſday Morning Sir John Ligonier ſet out from his Houſe in South Audley-ſtreet for Harwich, in order to embark for Holland. G. A.

A French Man of War, call'd the Magnanimous, of 74 Guns, commanded by the Chevalier d'Albert, is taken by the Nottingham, Capt. Harland, and the Portland, Capt. Stevens, two Ships belonging to Admiral Hawke's Squadron. G. A.

The above French Man of War was going from Breſt to Cadiz, and ſailed in Company with the Alcide of 64 Guns, L'Arch en Ciel of 54 Guns, and the Cumberland Frigate of 14 Guns; ſhe ſeparated from the reſt in bad Weather, in which ſhe loſt her Main Top-maſt, ib.

Comical OCCURRENCES.

Laſt Wedneſday Afternoon a Jew, eminent for his great Knowledge of the Hebrew and Chaldee Languages, was, after a proper Confeſſion of his Faith, publickly baptized at the Meeting-Houſe in *Paul's-Alley*, Barbican. D. A.——*We wiſh ſome Jews in* Change-Alley *would turn Chriſtians.*

On Thurſday laſt died, at his Lodgings near Gray's-Inn, Holborn, Mr. Joſiah Martin, Writing Maſter, one of the People called Quakers, aged about 64, of good Eſteem in many Families of the Nobility and Gentry: A Man of extenſive Learning and univerſal Charity; bountiful to the Poor, and benevolent to all Men. A practical Chriſtian. His Converſation was free and innocent, and his Deportment plain and undiſguiſed. We hear that his Library, *a large and judicious Collection* of curious and valuable Books in divers Languages, is, by his Will, directed to be ſold; and that a Catalogue of them will be publiſhed, and timely Notice given of their Sale. Ib.——*From this large and judicious Puff, ſome Judges of the Art ſuſpect that this Writing maſter, like other Men of extenſive Learning, owes his great Character to his Books.*

On Thurſday laſt Week, at a Meeting of the Juſtices for the County of Cheſter, a Clergyman, who has Spiritual Preferments to the Value of more than 500 l. per Ann. was convicted of making Candles under his own Roof, without compounding for the Duty, and fined 25 l. His Utenſils in Trade are to be burnt in the Market-Place of the Town where he reſides. G. A.——*This Parſon let his Light ſhine too much before Men.*

The Wife of John Taylor of Burſlem in Staffordſhire, Potter, about Midſummer laſt, miſcarried of a Child, and in January following was delivered of three more; one Boy by the Midwife; but the ſecond being a Croſs-Birth, ſhe was delivered of another Boy and Girl by Mr. Britain, a Surgeon in Newcaſtle. One of the Boys and the Girl are in good Health, and the Mother quite recovered. Ib.——*A Matter well worthy the Conſideration of the Royal Society of England.*

Laſt Week died at Nantwich in Cheſhire, two Brothers of the Name of Stockton, the one in the 102d, and the other (who has left a *buxome, young Widow*) in the 101ſt Year of his Age. Ib.——*A Matter well worthy the Conſideration of the Royal Society of Ireland.*

Tueſday a large Preſs-Gang beſet the Quarters of the Upper Moorfields, and carried ſeveral Vagrants, who had aſſembled there in order to throw at Cocks, on board the Tenders in the River. D. G.——*As Gallus is Latin for both a Cock and a Frenchman, it is ſuppoſed that this barbarous Cuſtom took its Riſe from the Animoſity of our Anceſtors to that Nation. We hope theſe Vagrants in their Behaviour againſt the French, will ſhew this to be true.*

A Sailor, who had been abroad upwards of two Years, and was in his Paſſage home taken by the French, but found an Opportunity of making his Eſcape, arrived laſt Thurſday Evening at Green-Bank, Wapping, where he lodged when he left England; and enquiring for his Wife, who lay dead in the Houſe, and who was a Member of a Woman's Club, by whoſe Articles they were to pay 40 s. to the Heir or Executor of every deceaſed Perſon, he immediately went to the Stewards and received the 40 s. and, to ſave the Expence of a Funeral, ſells the Body to a Surgeon for two Guineas, equips himſelf with the Money, and bruſhes off to Sea on Saturday. D. G.——*This Fellow ſhould have married again before he ſet out, in order to provide againſt future Contingencies.*

Tragical OCCURRENCES.

Laſt Tueſday an Action was brought into one of the Courts of Weſtminſter-Hall, by a Milkman againſt a Farmer, for Non-Performance of a Contract for furniſhing Milk the Year round, at a fixed Price; which the Farmer could not do, having had the Misfortune of loſing all his Cows by the raging Diſtemper. W. E.——*As the Farmer could furniſh no Cows to be milked, the Milkman brought him to a Place where he was moſt probably* well milked himſelf.

Laſt Saturday died at his Lodgings near the Meuſe-Gate, Charing-Croſs, Mr. John Johnſon, an eminent Attorney at Law. L. C.——*Eminent, I ſuppoſe, at his ſaid Lodgings.*

The Act of Parliament for preventing frivolous and vexatious Arreſts, took Place the 15th Inſtant, and is made perpetual. G. A.——*Some may think this no Tragical Article; but it is truly ſo to thoſe worthy Members of the Society, the Pettyfogging Attornies, Bailiffs, and their Followers.*

Sunday Forenoon an eminent Attorney in Fetter-Lane hung himſelf in his Parlour with the Saſh which tied his Gown; and 'tis ſaid his Spouſe was the firſt who diſcovered him, when ſhe came from Church. D. G.

On Sunday a Child about three Years old, in the Abſence of the Mother, ſet its Cloaths on Fire at a Houſe in Shoe-Lane, and was ſo much burnt that it died ſoon after. D. A.

One Day laſt Week a Child, ſitting at a Door in Old-ſtreet, was unfortunately bit by a Hog, and is ſince dead of the Wound. Ib.

On Monday Mr. Bambridge, a Maſter Coachmar of Croydon, having been to receive a Sum of Money at Deptford, on his Return home at Beckingham he met with a Soldier belonging to the Buffs, who was quartered at the Coach and Horſes at Croydon. They went together from thence, and in a few Hours after Mr. Bambridge was found robb'd and murder'd, and the Perſon ſuſpected has ſince abſconded. Ib.

The ſame Day a Male Child, ſuppoſed to be about five Months old, frightfully cut and mangled, was found concealed under a Butt in the Skittle-Grounds of a Publican near Moorfields. Ib.

ARTICULI JACOBITICI.

Laſt Saturday Night the Wife of Mr. Thomas Price, of Fulham, was brought to Bed of a Daughter, who, in Forty-eight Hours after ſhe was born, turn'd as black as a Coal all over, yet remains in perfect Health.—This is a Phænomenon worthy the Attention of the Virtuoſi, in particular of the Royal Society, but will perhaps be more naturally ſolved, on carefully peruſing Nixon's Prophecies which terminate this Year. D. G.

By Letters from the Highlands of Scotland we are credibly informed, that ſince the ever mem—ble Battle of Culloden, the Women in that Country have brought forth only Male Children, and generally two or three at a Birth, and that moſt of theſe are able to walk before they are three Months old, and it is thought will be fit to march at the Age of 10 Years.

From Staffordſhire we hear, that there are at preſent ſeveral Millars with two Thumbs in that County, which cauſes v—r—s Sp—c—l—tions. *Incerti.*

Down with the M——y.
An ODE.

I.

To purchaſe Wine of *France* was thought,
Once, Want of Common Senſe.
For why, the gen'rous Juice was bought
With gen'rous *Britiſh* Pence.

II.

But now our Patriot Scribes with Scorn
The Min—y attack,
Becauſe theſe ſend abroad our Corn,
And bring *French* Money back.

III.

What would you have our Stateſmen do?
What mean theſe ſcribbling Elves!
Why, fetch their Wine and Money too,
And keep our Corn ourſelves.

John Trott-Plaid.

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